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SUBJECT: TERRORISM -- POSSIBLE CONVENTION ON TAKING OF
HOSTAGES

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1. DEPT FULLY AGREES WITH POSITION TAKEN BY EMBOFF PARA 4
REFTEL. WE HAVE FEAR THAT INTRODUCTION OF NEW CONVENTION
ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME COULD HAVE
DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON CHANCES FOR ADOPTION OF CONVENTION ON
PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS AT THIS FALL'S GA. MOREOVER, IF
BELGIANS DO NOT INTEND TO INTRODUCE DRAFT UNDER TERRORISM
ITEM, IT UNCLEAR WHEN THEY INTEND TO INTRODUCE IT OR WHAT
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PROCEDURAL HANDLE THEY INTEND TO USE. WE HOPE NO FINAL

DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY GOB AND WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY
FURTHER TO CONSIDER MATTER HERE AND CONSULT WITH GOB. IN
ADDITION TO THIS, WE WOULD ALSO HOPE GOB WOULD CONSULT WITH
GROUP OF FRIENDLIES IN NEW YORK ON STRATEGY AND TIMING
BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE ABOVE POINTS TO GOB. AMBAS-
SADOR MAY WISH, IF HE FEELS IT APPROPRIATE, TO CALL
DAVIGNON CONCERNING THIS MATTER IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR'S
MEETING WITH DAVIGNON JULY 11.

3. WE ARE, OF COURSE, ANXIOUS TO SEE TEXT OF BELGIAN DOCUMENTS AS WE REGARD IDEA OF CONVENTION ON TAKING OF HOS-
TAGES INTERESTING ONE WITH POTENTIAL MERIT AND WORTHY OF
SERIOUS WORK ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL AND TACTICAL
PROBLEMS. REGARDLESS OF OUR DOUBTS RE TIMING OF INTRODUC-
TION, WE WOULD BE HAPPY PROMPTLY TO PROVIDE GOB WITH OUR
DETAILED COMMENTS ON TEXT. (PARA 3 REFTEL DOES NOT MAKE
FULLY CLEAR TO US EXACTLY HOW BELGIAN DRAFT CONVENTION
WILL ACCOMPLISH ITS ENDS.) ROGERS

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